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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AEMR, MP
SUBJECT: E & E AND PORT PLANS

REF: COMIDEASTFOR 301404Z APRIL 74

1. WE HAVE BEEN UNCOMFORTABLY SITTING ON LONG-STANDING COMIDEASTFOR REQUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PORT PLAN FOR PORT LOUIS BECAUSE WE SIMPLY HAVE NOT HAD MAN-HOURS AVAILABLE TO DEVOTE TO SUCH A TECHNICALLY COMPLICATED PROJECT.

2. WE CONSIDER POTENTIAL RISKS WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE NON-COMBATTANT EVACUATION TO BE RELATIVELY LOW HERE. NEVERTHELESS, WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING REALISTIC, PRACTICAL, UP-TO-DATE PLANS FOR SUCH CONTINGENCY. MOREOVER, THIS EMBASSY'S EXISTING E & E PLAN IS BASED HEAVILY ON AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES AND CAPABILITIES OF UK NAVY COMMO BASE, HMS MAURITIUS, WHICH NOW EXPECTED TO BE GRADUALLY PHASED DOWN AND CLOSED BY MID-1976 AT LATEST.

3. WE ARE CONSIDERING REQUESTING ONE OR TWO EXPERTS IN THIS
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FIELD FOR BRIEF TDY HERE TO ASSIST IN PREPARING NEW E & E

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AND PORT PLANS SOMETIME LATER THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO
BROACH THIS SUBJECT WITH CINCUSNAVEUR STAFF IN LONDON APRIL 29
AND IN WASHINGTON DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN EARLY MAY.
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